

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I believe these proposed would hurt all media, especially radio. Thanks to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, there have been fewer sources for news on the radio in the mornings and afternoons during. Also, as a college student who plans to pursue a career in radio after graduation, I believe that a strongly regulated media not only promotes healthy competition, but also a healthy democracy, but perhaps most importantly, an important means in preserving our national security, all of which would be threatened if all remaining ownership were eliminated.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to re-consider of the last remaining rules on media ownership, and what long-term impact it may have on the media industry. I thank you for my time, and allowing my voice to be heard.